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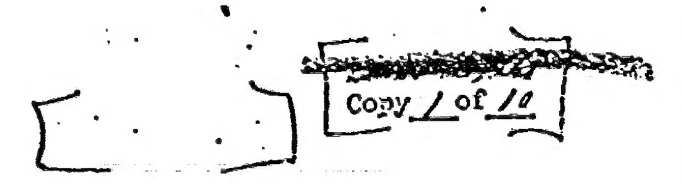
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the shades. No unusual attitude on the part of the guard was noted but it was dark. (This is in direct contradiction with the original dispatch and the statement [redacted] was not present when the dispatch was prepared and sent from Prague, and as a consequence did not have a chance to verify the contents.

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4. The testimony [redacted] does not in my opinion support the theory [redacted] developed saucer-like or unconventional aircraft. It is quite possible that the objects seen were the exhausts of normal jet aircraft in a steep climb. The fact that none were seen on the ground might indicate that the aircraft were in a dive followed by a sharp pull-up in such a way that nothing was seen until the exhausts were visible to the observers on the train. However, it is possible that the aircraft were indeed of the short or almost vertical take-off variety. b3

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